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Aruban Government honors native son Dr. Ed Cheung with naming of new research center

This will be a momentous week on Aruba, as islanders eagerly anticipate a royal visit from HRM Queen Beatrix and the official opening of the facility which will house the new research and learning center dedicated to renewable energy and the Europe House, located at the outskirts of Oranjestad on the Sasaki Highway.

"We thought long and hard about a name for this facility which would convey all it could mean to Aruba," Prime Minister Mike Eman told media during a press confer-



Dr Cheung confers with PM Eman, Minister de Meza and TNO official

ence on Monday afternoon, "we could think of no name more appropriate than the island's premier scientist who has been an inspiration to us all during his nearly 20 year career with NASA-Dr. Edward Cheung."

Dr. Cheung, who earned his PhD in Electrical Engineering specializing in Robotics from Yale University with a scholarship funded by Phillips and NASA, has been with the space program since 1991, and served as Principal Engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Service Project through the final mission to the telescope in 2009. He was also on duty and widely seen and heard commenting on the final

manned flight of the Atlantis as his team had innovative new equipment onboard related to the new work he will be doing for NASA, implementing a program of repairing and refueling satellites in space deploying robotics, and thus doubling their life span.

Dr. Cheung was present for the announcement via Skype, and could only respond "I am honored beyond words by this announcement. When the Prime Minister called me, I thought it was to invite me to the opening, to be told they decided to name the building after me has simply blown me away."

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Republican Rick Perry unveils 20% flat tax

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry unveiled the center yesterday, proposing flat 20 percent income and corporate tax rates which he said would "unleash job creation."

Pinning his political fate to cherished conservative policies of low taxes, compulsory balanced budgets and dramatic cuts to government spending, Perry vowed to end "the federal nanny state's heavy-handed regulations."

Perry said individual taxpayers should be able to choose between their current income tax rate or a flat tax rate of 20 percent.

"You can continue to pay taxes, as well as accountants and lawyers under the current system, or, you can file your taxes on a postcard," he said waving a slip of paper representing a simplified tax return.

Perry also proposed companies pay a compulsory flat 20 percent rate, 15 percentage points lower than the current nominal rate. In addition firms would no longer be taxed on income earned abroad, while capital-gains tax, dividends tax and inheritance taxes would also be scrapped.



"In exchange for a corporate tax free of carve-outs and exclusions, I offer a much lower rate of 20 percent that represents the average corporate rate among the developed nations," Perry said. "We will shut down the cottage industry of corporate tax evasion by creating a tax that is broad, fair and low."

With Perry trailing in the race to become the Republican presidential nominee, the Texan will hope his plan firms-up his policy-making credentials and lends his campaign a tone of authority. But his announcement is just the latest shot in a battle among candidates to convince American voters they have the answers to the country's economic malaise.

Many Republican candidates have opted for a flat tax, which could spell substantial

cuts for the richest Americans. Conservatives argue reduced taxes free up capital for investment and so benefit the broader economy.

Perry, currently Texas governor, insisted Americans would use the extra cash to invest in business as he warned government departments to expect tougher times ahead.

The shortfalls in government spending would be offset by cuts, with the Departments of Energy, Education and at the Environmental Protection Agency singled out by name. Defense spending would not be cut.

Perry said his reforms would balance the budget by 2020 and would change the constitution to introduce a clause meaning the government cannot spend more than it earns. The level would be set at 18 percent of gross domestic product, down from around 30 percent today, according to figures from the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Perry also proposed sweeping away many of the reforms made by President Barack Obama, including Wall Street reform. "It is time to review and scrap regulations that harm jobs and growth," he said.

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Aruban Government honors native son Dr. Ed Cheung...

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With wife and children, mother, sister and brother

Though residing in Baltimore with his family, close to Goddard Space Center for almost 2 decades, Ed has always kept his home island close to his heart, and been very aware that by his success, he could inspire island youth to continue their education and "reach for the stars." It was in his mind when he and his team had faced an emergency with the HST cooling system that threatened to end the telescope project in 2002, and they devised what he named ASCS/NCS Relay

Unit Breaker Assembly, or ARUBA box, which the world watched launched into space.

Since losing his father, Dr. Cheung reports he became particularly aware of his responsibility to encourage islanders to aspire to "be the best they can be," as it was his father's philosophy that an education is invaluable to success in life, "and the one thing they can never take away from you." It prompted Ed to punctuate his regular visits to the island to visit family with entertaining

and informative lectures about the space program, which he did for no charge; on each occasion the halls were overflowing with fascinated audiences.

In 2010, Dr. Cheung was the recipient of Order of the Netherlands Lion, the highest decoration that can be awarded to a civilian within the Dutch hierarchy. His entire family, wife Agnes, and children Stephanie and Christopher, were on island with him when Governor Fredis Refunjol performed the decoration ceremony, and he does lament they cannot be with him to share the momentous occasion of the opening of the Dr. Ed Cheung Center for Research and Development of Renewal Energy. Andris Piebalgs, since February 2010 European Commissioner for Development, will be present at the event, which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 5 P.M.

Dr. Cheung's time on Aruba will also be spent as Co-Chairperson of the 2nd Annual Aruba Green Energy Conference, taking place at the Ren-



With Jan Poets(l.) and Roderick Lopez (r.) the day before launch

naissance Convention Center this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday, where HRH Prince of Orange will be Keynote Speaker.

In his closing comments on being informed of the Europe House/TNO bearing his name, Dr. Cheung stated "Wherever I go and whatever I do, I feel the push of 100,000 people of Aruba."

by Rosalie Klein



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Aruba Ports Authority reports fantastic cruise results for September 2011



ORANJESTAD -- Up to September 2011 a whopping total of 9.7% more visitors were registered at the Aruba Ports Authority compared to the same period (January to Sep-

tember) in September 2010! A total of 392,959 visitors arrived at our wharf in 2011, compared to 358,356 visitors in 2010. This is a difference of 34,603 visitors.

Aruba Ports Authority (APA) received a total of 224 calls up to September 2011. This is 29 more calls than in the same period during 2010. This increase is on account of the substantial increase

of cruise ships that called on Aruba in the month of March of this year.

The cruise ships also brought more crew with them. In 2010 there were a total of 144,773 crew members on board up to September. Where as up to September 2011 there were 163,658 crew members registered. This is an increase of 13% in the amount of crew members on these cruise ships that visited Aruba.


While 2011 indicates a

beautiful sign of recovery, the Cruise Line International Association (CLIA) and her 25 cruise lines and members have indicated that the cruise line industry will continue to expand.

86% of the agents and members of CLIA had expected an increase at the end of 2010, which assured us that our "wave-season" (January to March) would be very good months. Aruba did indeed expect this when we exceeded

100,000 visitors in the month of March.

In 2010 CLIA registered a 103% in the level of occupancy of all ship operations. These ships carried a total of 15 million passengers which included 11.1 million Americans. They envision that by the end of 2011 there will be a worldwide increase of 6.6% with 16 million people having gone on a cruise. They estimate that 73% of this number will be Americans.

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UK Press also present at the Carubbian Festival in Aruba



SANNNICOLAS -- Aruba's newest offering in tourist diversification is called the Carubbian Festival. This new event is held every Thursday from 6-10 pm, offering visitors a full-fledged experience in cultural shows combined with the extensive kitchen comprising of different Caribbean flavors. The event is bejeweled with local typical Aruban music and bands, local handcraft vendors and a tremendous proof of hospitality by the folks of San Nicolas, where the event is held.

A press team of the UK, The News of the Word, consisting of Ms. Jane Hamilton and Mr. Jake O'Leary Gray, recently visited the festival to experience this Carubbian Flavor. They were accompanied by ATA representative, Jonathan Boekhoudt, who guided them through the area of the festival and explained all the different ingredients of the celebrations of and in Aruba. Especially the cultural part and the historic evolution of this part of the island.

San Nicolas, Aruba's se-

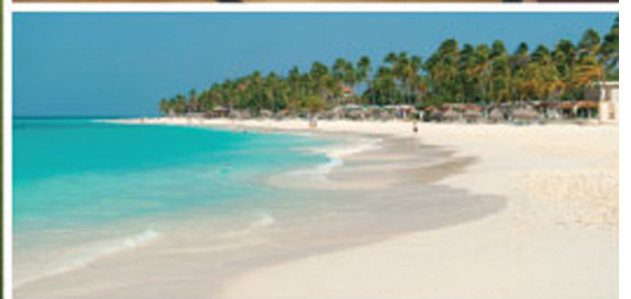
cond city, in the past the motor of the economy during the petro-era, hosts this festival each Thursday. Hundreds of tourists on a package deal flock to San Nicolas by bus, catered by De Palm Tours, and the local folks gather in thousands to celebrate an evening of exuberant cultural expressions, local and typical music and gastronomic fantasies offered by the various food booths scattered around the festival area.

The Cultural show presented by the Carubbian Festival displays all the folkloric expressions and celebrations Aruba contains, interlaced by performances of local artists varying from the soca and calypso themes to typical Aruban music. Artists such as limbo show performers showcase their artistic value to Aruba's tourism. A out-of-this-world Carnival Show gives proof of the variety Aruba offers in tourism entertainment. Fantastic costumes display the detailed efforts the Aruban Carnival participants put into this great yearly celebration.

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Sports Subsidy Commission is known



ORANJESTAD -- On Monday, October 17th, in a packed auditorium, Minister of Sports, Richard Visser introduced the new members of the Sports Subsidy commission to the 22 representatives of the 22 athletic federations. President of the Commission is Rene Sommer, Vice President Mr. Gerald Franca, treasurer Verouska Croes, Secretary Miss Jos Maduro, and the commissioners are Chu Halabi, Alberto Thiel, Hubenal Nava, who are members of the government's technical team.

The Minister observed that this group is a tremendous team of serious and responsi-

ble persons who will give the federations the needed helping hand to take our sports endeavors to the next level. He said that the time has come for all federations to work more professionally and it is here that the commission will offer their support together with Ernst & Young, who will lend their support in the administrative field.

Two weeks ago the federations received the new regulations and on the night of the 17th the Commission presented and explained all the points of importance regarding the subsidy for 2012. Each federation is expected to follow the regulations as presented. The group was also reminded about the deadline to submit requests for subsidy for 2012 no later than by October 31st.

The office of the secretary is located in the same office at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium in Dakota and maintains office hours weekdays from 8:00 to 4:30 pm.

For questions or any other query, federations can contact the secretary at telephone 583-9788 or via email at sportsubsidie.aruba@gmail.com

A perfect wedding for Stacey and Lewis

On October 18th, 2011 Stacey Morgan and Lewis Evans said "I DO" to each other at one of Aruba's famous landmark - the Divi/Fofoti Tree - and became Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

After the beach blessing the couple, accompanied by family members and friends continued the festivities at "Passions on the Beach Restaurant," where they dined and danced, serenaded by romantic Saxophone music!

The couple expressed that they couldn't have chosen a best location for this special day; it was perfect from start to finish.

A special 'thank you' goes to Anne Maduro and Lissy Lampe who tended to their every need.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans said that they will return to the beautiful island of Aruba!

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Triple rescue joy for Turkish family after quake

ERCIS (AFP) - Rescuers plucked a two-week-old baby girl, her mother and grandmother from the rubble of Turkey's devastating earthquake yesterday, sparking scenes of joy that electrified search efforts.

As the death toll reached 432 and the Red Crescent warned that hundreds or even thousands of people remained buried under the debris from Sunday's quake, the triple rescue provided vital relief joy amid the otherwise grim task.

Later yesterday, rescuers managed to save a 10-year-old boy from the wreckage of his house in the city center of Van, more than 54 hours of the quake hit.

Emergency teams also earlier pulled a pregnant woman and her two children alive from the rubble in Erzurum as they laboured through the night under search lights with the help of sniffer dogs.

"Hundreds, possibly thousands of people are still trapped under the rubble," said Jessica Sallabank, a spokeswoman for the International Federation of Red Cross and

Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The IFRC said that 2,256 buildings -- mostly apartments -- were destroyed during the quake which struck on Sunday afternoon with its epicentre in the eastern province of Van.

An update from the prime minister's office put the death toll at 432, adding that more than 1,352 people had been injured.

The population of the region is mainly Kurdish and the quake came amid a major army operation targeting the separatist PKK militia in response to a series of deadly attacks.

In a sign of the simmering ethnic tensions, dozens of residents of the provincial capital Van hurled stones at journalists and police yesterday after a well-known television presenter criticised Kurds' appeals for help.

Police used pepper gas to disperse the angry crowd, but there were complaints among survivors in other areas that soldiers whose barracks had been damaged were being given priority in the aid effort.

Residents meanwhile spent a second night outside in freezing temperatures.

With night-time temperatures expected to dip to two degrees Celsius (36 Fahrenheit) and snow forecast for Wednesday, residents took shelter anywhere they could -- some in cars or tents and others under just a blanket.

The football pitch in Erzurum has been transformed into a sea of tents set up by the Red Crescent as the stadium serves as a makeshift field hospital. About 1,500 units of blood have been sent to the region.

The government said search and rescue teams from 45 cities and more than 200 ambulances were deployed across the disaster-struck area.

Bangkok in 'crisis mode' as floods advance

BANGKOK (AFP) - Bangkok's second airport shut down yesterday as floodwaters advanced into the Thai capital, forcing authorities in "crisis mode" to declare a five-day public holiday in preparation for the deluge.

The cabinet ordered an October 27-31 holiday for Bangkok and 20 other provinces affected by the kingdom's worst flooding in decades, amid warnings a high tide would surge up the capital's main river and escalate the disaster.

"The government has switched to a crisis mode as a massive run-off will arrive in the capital on October 26, coinciding with a high tide on October 28," the Flood Relief Operations Centre (FROC) said in a statement.

In a televised address to the kingdom late yesterday, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra gave a stark prediction of the potential impact of the flooding, saying the water was "at full force, which is more than the barriers can hold".

Jackson claimed propofol drip was safe, nurse tells

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson begged to be given a propofol drip to help him sleep two months before he died, saying medics had assured him it was safe, a nurse told his doctor's manslaughter trial yesterday.

The King of Pop told nurse Cheryl Lee, a holistic expert, that doctors had told him he could take the drug -- a surgical anesthetic -- intravenously as long as he was monitored.

The singer's doctor Conrad Murray is on trial for involuntary manslaughter for allegedly giving Jackson a cocktail of drugs including propofol on June 25, 2009, to help him sleep, but abandoning him at the crucial moment.

Lee told how she went to

Jackson's home on April 19, when the singer asked her to treat him with propofol by intravenous (IV) drip because other treatments were not working.

"He told me, 'Doctors have told me that it's safe, I just need to be monitored'," she told the Los Angeles Superior Court.

"I just need somebody to come here, I will be safe ... as long as I am being monitored," she quoted him as saying, adding that she refused to treat him with the drug, after learning that it was a surgical anesthetic.

Murray, 58, told police that he had been treating Jackson with propofol via IV for two months, but had begun to wean him off of it three days before his death.

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About 100 domestic flights normally operate from the airport each day.

Yingluck, who is facing her first major crisis since coming to power in August, said before the cabinet meeting that the evacuees sheltering there would also have to relocate.

The public holidays are designed to allow Bangkok's 12 million residents to brace for the floods now creeping towards the city center after swamping other parts of the nation, killing some 360 people and damaging millions of homes.

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Kadhafi son Seif al-Islam near Niger border

NIAMEY (AFP) - Former Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's son and onetime heir apparent Seif al-Islam was reported yesterday poised to cross into Niger along with his father's ex-intelligence chief, a Tuareg official said.

The two are the top most wanted fugitives from the slain despot's ousted circle, who are wanted by the International Criminal Court and had been widely expected to seek refuge in Niger following Kadhafi's death last week.

Libya's southern neighbour, which for years was one of the west African countries that benefited most from Kadhafi's largesse, is already sheltering dozens of former regime officials, including another one of Kadhafi's sons.

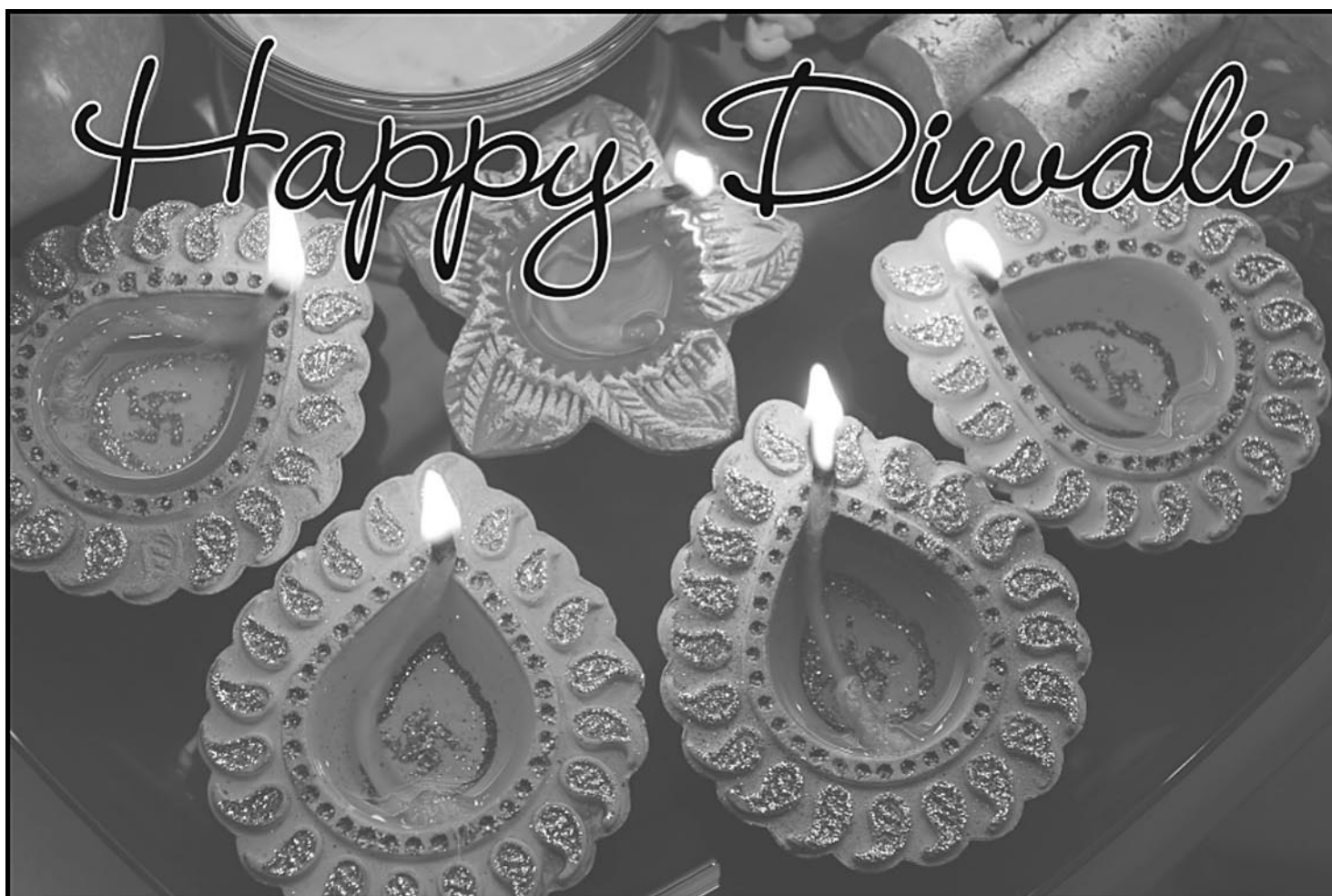
A local official from the northern Niger's Agadez region told AFP on condition of anonymity said that Abdullah al-Senussi, a former intelligence chief and Kadhafi's brother-in-law, was also at the border with Niger.

Meanwhile, in Misrata Moammar Kadhafi's body has been buried in secret after being displayed in public, in an ignominious end for Libya's longtime ruler.

Kadhafi was buried on Monday night in a religious ceremony, along with another of his sons, Mutassim, and former defence minister Abu Bakr Yunis Jaber.

The burial took place at an unknown location, being kept secret to avoid the site turning into a rallying point for Kadhafi supporters.

Three Muslim religious figures loyal to the ousted dictator prayed and performed a religious ceremony before the burial, according to the military council member.



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Vatican orders child abuse probe at British abbey

LONDON (AFP) - The Vatican has ordered an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse at an abbey in London, the local diocese said yesterday.

Certain monks and lay preachers at Ealing Abbey in west London have been linked to abuse dating from the 1960s to as recently as two years ago.

The apostolic visitation of high-level figures in the Catholic Church in England follows abuse scandals that

have rocked the Church in Ireland, the United States, Germany and other countries in recent years.

A spokesman for the diocese of Westminster told AFP: "There clearly are concerns in the Vatican about what may or may not have happened at Ealing Abbey, and this is a chance to establish what happened for themselves."

In a statement, the diocese added: "The effective safe-

guarding of children and vulnerable adults is a priority for the Catholic Church, and Ealing Abbey's safeguarding policies and procedures formed part of the remit of the Apostolic Visitation."

The panel, which visited the abbey last month, is led by Bishop John Arnold, an auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, and Father Richard Yeo, president of the English Benedictine Congregation.

EU rebukes US Congress over airline emissions rules

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union called on the United States yesterday to respect EU laws after US lawmakers voted to prevent American airlines from following Europe's carbon emissions rules.

The EU will require all airlines from January 1 to buy carbon permits when they fly into and out of the 27-nation bloc, but the US House of Representatives directed the US government to stop carriers

from abiding.

"We are confident that the US will respect EU law, as EU always respects US law," EU climate action commissioner Connie Hedegaard said.

The US bill, which must also clear the US Senate and be signed by President Barack Obama to become law, also directs top US officials to undertake talks to ensure that US operators of civil aircraft are "held harmless" from the plan.

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Health & Living

US panel urges HPV vaccine for boys



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US government advisory panel recommended Tuesday that boys get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cancer.

All boys aged 11-12 should get the HPV vaccine, which is already approved for use in girls, said the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

"The HPV vaccine will af-

ford protection against certain HPV-related conditions and cancers in males, and vaccination of males with HPV may also provide indirect protection of women by reducing transmission of HPV," it said in a statement.

If the CDC accepts the panel's recommendations, all insurance companies would be required to cover it. Vaccines against HPV are made by Merck and Glaxo-SmithKline.

Kenneth Bromberg, Chairman of Pediatrics and director of the Vaccine Research Center at The Brooklyn Hospital Center, said increasing awareness of HPV's role in other diseases, such as head and neck cancers, has given a new push to consideration of vaccinating boys and girls.

"In a perfect world, immunization of all girls might be the most cost-effective way of preventing HPV disease in women," he said.

"However, since we do not live in a perfect world, a very strong argument can be made for immunizing boys in order to prevent genital warts in males and the prevalence of HPV-related cancers in both boys and girls."

A separate study released Monday suggested that HPV may also play a role in heart disease among women with no other risk factors, though more research is needed to confirm if that link exists.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease, with more than 40 types, some of which can cause cervical cancer or genital warts. Often, HPV causes no symptoms at all.

At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women will get HPV at some point in their lives, according to the CDC.

The body can usually clear the infection on its own within two years, but certain types, known as oncogenic strains, can turn into cancers and should be closely monitored.

Teen violence linked to heavy soda diet: study



But he stressed that only further work would confirm -- or disprove -- the key question whether higher consumption of sweet sodas caused violent behaviour.

The new study was based on answers to questionnaires filled out by 1,878 public-school students aged 14 to 18 in the inner Boston area, where Hemenway said crime rates were much higher than in the wealthier suburbs.

What emerged from the study, said Hemenway, was evidence of "dose response," in other words, the more soda was consumed, the likelier the tendency towards violence.

Among those who drank one or no cans of soft drink a week, 23 percent carried a gun or a knife; 15 percent perpetrated violence towards a partner; and 35 percent had been violent towards peers.

At the other end of the scale, among those who drank 14 cans a week, 43 percent carried a gun or a knife; 27 percent had been violent towards a partner; and more than 58 percent had been violent towards peers.

Overall, teens who were heavy consumers of sugary fizz were between nine and 15 percentage points likelier to show aggressive behaviour compared with low consumers, even when ethnicity and other confounding factors were taken into account.

This is a magnitude similar to the link found, in previously researched, with alcohol or tobacco.

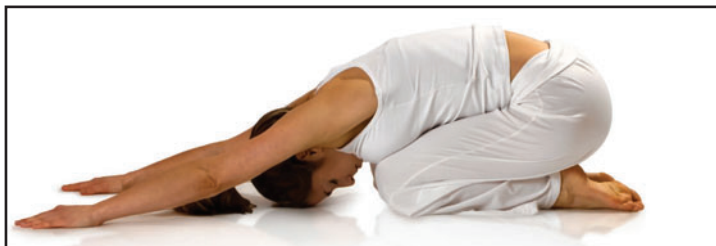
PARIS, France (AFP) - Researchers in the United States said on Tuesday they had found a "shocking" association -- if only a statistical one -- between violence by teenagers and the amount of soda they drank.

High-school students in inner-city Boston who consumed more than five cans of non-diet, fizzy soft drinks every week were between nine and 15-percent likelier to engage in an aggressive act compared with counterparts who drank less.

"What we found was that there was a strong relationship between how many soft drinks that these inner-city kids consumed and how violent they were, not only in violence against peers but also violence in dating relationships, against siblings," said David Hemenway, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"It was shocking to us when we saw how clear the relationship was," he told AFP in an interview.

Yoga, stretching help lower back pain: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - People who suffer chronic lower back pain saw about the same improvement after taking yoga classes taught by highly trained teachers as they did from stretching classes, said a US study Monday.

The findings, described by

authors as the largest US randomized trial on yoga to date, appear in the October 24 issue of the Archives on Internal Medicine, a journal of the American Medical Association.

"We found yoga classes more effective than a self-care book -- but no more effective

than stretching classes," said lead study author Karen Sherman, a senior investigator at Group Health Research Institute in Seattle.

"We expected back pain to ease more with yoga than with stretching, so our findings surprised us," she said.

The same group of researchers conducted a smaller trial in 2005 based on a randomized sample of 101 adults. That study suggested yoga was the best remedy for back pain because those who practiced it used fewer pain relievers and had better back function.

"Our results suggest that both yoga and stretching can be good, safe options for people who are willing to try physical activity to relieve their moderate low back pain."

"But it's important for the classes to be therapeutically oriented, geared for beginners, and taught by instructors who can modify postures for participants' individual physical limitations."

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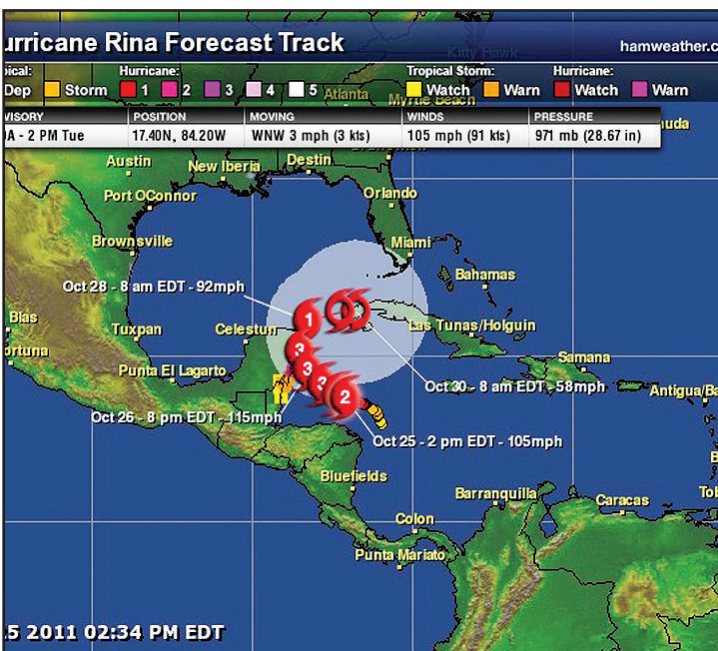
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Hurricane Rina strengthens, Nicaraguan ship found



MEXICO CITY (AFP) -An increasingly powerful Hurricane Rina barreled towards Mexico's popular Caribbean beaches on Tuesday, as a Nicaraguan ship feared lost at sea was found with all 27 people aboard safe.

Rina, already packing 105 mile (165 kilometer) per hour winds, was forecast to become a major category three storm by early today before crashing into the Mexican

coast near the tourist hotspot of Cancun on Thursday night.

By 1500 GMT on Tuesday, Rina was about 300 miles (480 kilometers) east-southeast of Chetumal, Mexico, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center (NHC) said.

The storm was moving west-northwest at three miles (six kilometers) per hour and was expected to dump between two to four inches

(five to 10 centimeters) of rain on land.

A Nicaraguan naval vessel that disappeared on Sunday with 27 people on board during an evacuation mission ahead of the storm was found with its occupants all "safe and sound" officials said.

Central America is still struggling to recover from recent torrential rains that triggered deadly flooding and landslides, swamped huge swathes of farmland, and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

More than 100 people across the region were killed, including 36 in Guatemala, 34 in El Salvador and 18 in Honduras.

Jet packs rule, say deep-sea astronauts



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Battery-powered jet packs are definitely the best part of tooling around on the ocean floor in practice drills for an eventual visit to an asteroid, an international crew of astronauts said Monday.

The team want to see what it might be like to try to maneuver around an asteroid where there is little gravity and walking around is not an option.

"Most fun? Jet packs. Definitely jet packs," said a grinning Steve Squyres, an expert on planetary exploration at Cornell University who is part of NASA's Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO).

The crew, is working out of the Aquarius Underwater Laboratory, the only undersea lab of its kind in the world.

The ocean-floor outpost is located three miles (4.5 kilometers) off the coast of Key Largo, Florida, where it has provided lodging and life support systems for underwater scientists since 1993.

NASA has been sending astronauts to the undersea lab 62 feet (19 meters) down for weeks-long space training missions since 2001, but the latest effort is a new push to get ready for an asteroid trip that President Barack Obama has said could happen by 2025.

Keep pending for Grand Theft Auto V

There aren't many video game franchises that can evoke cries of joy from the gaming populous simply by announcing that the next game in series is indeed on its way, but Grand Theft Auto is one of those names. Developer Rockstar Games has replaced their website's front page with a massive GTA V logo, and a promise that a video trailer for the game will be released on November 2.

The original Grand Theft Auto was a top-down, highly pixelated, 2D action game that played much like modern GTAs but on a much smaller

scale. That trend continued until GTA III, when Rockstar brought the series into the third dimension. The game was a massive success on the PlayStation 2 and spawned several sequels.

GTA IV was released in 2008 for PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, and PC and at the time of its launch, it was the best-selling game of all time. It broke the single-day and 7-day sales records, but those marks have since been surpassed by other titles. However, if there's on game that can steal the crown again, it's Grand Theft Auto V.

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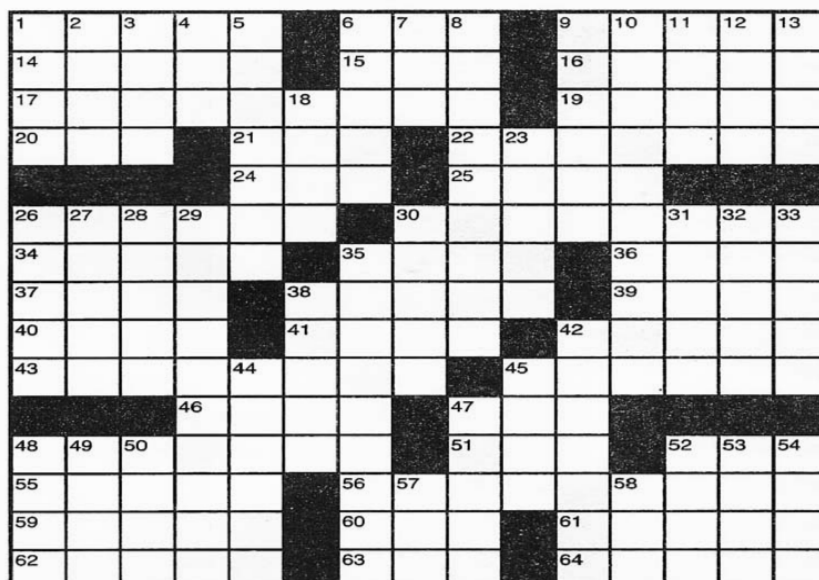
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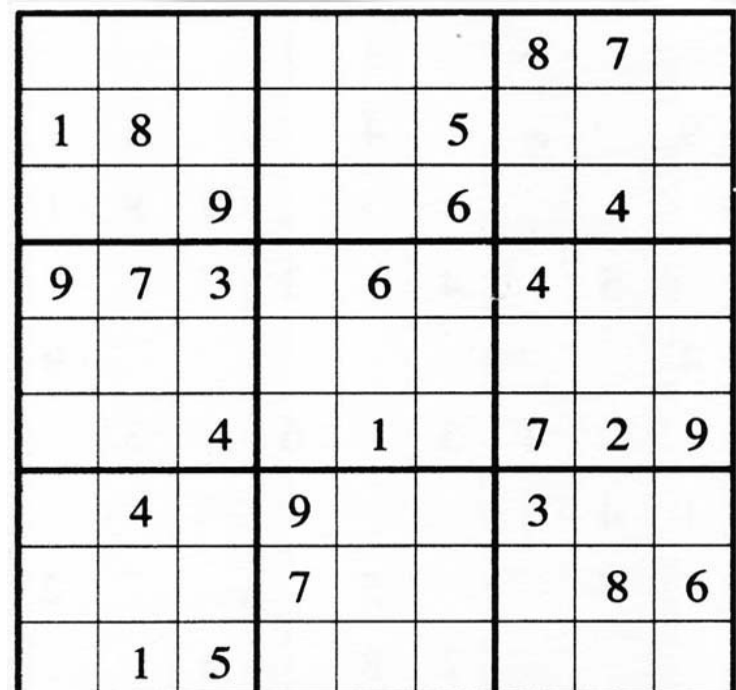
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Finance

Global markets down, waiting for EU debt summit

LONDON (AFP) - Global stock markets were lower in cautious trade yesterday as investors waited in hope for a second EU summit to produce a long-awaited plan to solve the eurozone debt crisis.

Dealers said there was little reason to trade aggressively given the often conflicting news leads as officials try to thrash out the details of what European leaders say should be a comprehensive solution to the problem.

They said that outcome is far from certain, however, given the competing interests involved and the issues at stake -- no less, for some, than the future of the whole eurozone project and the European Union.

In London, the FTSE-100 index of top companies closed down 0.41 percent at 5,525.54 points. In Paris, the CAC-40 lost 1.43 percent to 3,174.29 points and in Frankfurt the DAX 30 slipped 0.14 percent to 6,046.75 points.

Other European markets showed similar losses but Athens, a very heavy loser on

Monday, bucked the trend, gaining 1.2 percent in a technical bounce as investors kept a close eye on pre-summit wrangling.

In the foreign exchange market, the European single currency was lower at \$1.3915, down from \$1.3930 in New York late Monday.

In New York, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.03 percent at around 1600 GMT, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite down 1.30 percent, in line with opening losses.

Dealers said Europe's leaders appeared to be still struggling to reach agreement with banks over reducing Greece's debt burden and protecting Italy from any fallout, with investors jittery and ready to move on any news lead.

"From what is being reported in the press it is becoming obvious -- the plan might work out and result in a sustainable improvement of the situation in the eurozone peripheral countries," Commerzbank analysts said in a note. "On the other hand, it

cannot be excluded that it will go spectacularly wrong. Sink or swim," they added.

"The EU will reveal, in all its full glory, the plan to resolve southern Europe's debt crisis," said Mark Deans, dealing manager at London-based currency specialists Money-Corp.

"Until then, those with cash to invest are inclined to bide their time," he added. "If EU leaders get it right, that cash will go into equities, commodities and their related currencies. If they get it wrong the money will go into ... safe-havens."

Attention remains fixed on Europe, where Italy and Spain appear the next most likely victims of a crisis that many fear could spark a credit crunch and possibly another global meltdown if the problem is not remedied.

European leaders, who held talks on Sunday, appeared to make progress in their efforts to fix the continent's economic problems and put the final touches to a deal today.

Hong Kong posts first export drop in two years

Hong Kong's exports dropped in September, official data showed yesterday, the first decline in almost two years as the southern Chinese city feels the impact of a weakening global economy.

For the first time since October 2009, the city's shipments declined three percent year-on-year as shipments, including electronics and clothing, slumped to markets in Asia and elsewhere.

The total value of exports decreased to HK\$271.8 billion (\$35 billion) from 2010, according to the Census and Statistics Department, which described the export-driven

city's trade prospects in the coming months as "bleak."

The September decline reversed August's 6.8 percent increase in shipments.

"The main drags came from mainland China and the US markets, with the former relapsing to a decline and the latter dipping for the fifth straight month," a government spokesman said in a statement yesterday.

"Exports to the European Union and other Asian markets

also saw varying degrees of moderation, although those to Taiwan and Thailand continued to see double-digit growth."

The spokesman added that "downside risks to the global economy have continued to increase amid the deepening eurozone sovereign debt crisis and the stalling recovery in the advanced economies."

"Against this background, Hong Kong's export outlook in the coming months is bleak," he added.

US consumer confidence slumps to recession lows

US consumer confidence sank in October to levels seen during the depths of the last recession as Americans worried about the economy and high unemployment, a key survey showed yesterday.

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index stood at 39.8 in October, down sharply from 46.4 in September, when it had improved slightly.

"Consumer confidence is now back to levels last seen during the 2008-2009 recession, said Lynn Franco, con-

sumer research director of the Conference Board.

"Consumer expectations, which had improved in September, gave back all of the gain and then some, as concerns about business conditions, the labor market and income prospects increased."

Consumers' assessment of present-day conditions also fell for the sixth consecutive month "as pessimism about the current economic environment continues to grow," Franco said.

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Entertainment...

Eva Longoria lesbian film censored in Spain: festival



Eva Longoria

BARCELONA (AFP) - Spanish film distributors cut lesbian love scenes with "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva Longoria from a movie, prompting a gay film festival to cancel its screen-

ing in protest, the organiser said Monday.

The film "Without Men" tells the story of a small village whose women are left to amuse themselves when their menfolk go off to war. It also stars actor Christian Slater.

"We received a statement from the distributor in Spain saying that when the film premieres it will have the lesbian scenes removed," Xavier Daniel, director of the Barcelona International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, told AFP.

"We are very angry that a distributor can modify the content of a film," he added.

"The audience will not understand the film, because all the lesbian scenes are cut out," Daniel said. "It is unbelievable in the year 2011."



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Biography has Van Gogh filmmakers rethinking ending



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The producers of a new film about Vincent Van Gogh are rethinking its ending in the wake of a definitive biography that doubts the long-held belief that the Dutch painter took his own life.

"Van Gogh" would be the first English-language feature film about the giant of post-Impressionism since "Lust for Life" in 1956, in which Kirk Douglas portrayed Van Gogh shooting himself while painting in a French wheat field.

In their just-released "Van Gogh: The Life," biographers Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith contend that the evidence points more towards Van Gogh being accidentally shot in a French village by teenagers playing with a gun.

"Due to this new development, as of now, the ending of our film is yet to be determined," the writer and producer of "Van Gogh," Kira Madallo Sesay of Kalliope Films, told AFP in an email.

Jackson begged for sleep drip months before death

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson feared he would not be able to perform a series of comeback shows, and begged for something stronger than sleeping pills two months before his death, a court heard Monday.

The testimony came as lawyers for Jackson's doctor Conrad Murray launched a desperate counterattack, after four weeks of prosecution witnesses heavily implicating the medic in the King of Pop's 2009 death.

The defense has tried to portray Jackson as a desperate drug addict who could have taken his own life by inadvertently giving himself an overdose of the anesthetic propofol

on June 25, 2009.

Metzger said 50-year-old singer begged him to prescribe something he could take intravenously to help him sleep. "He used the word 'juice' .. I don't think he mentioned the word of a specific sleep medication," said Metzger.

"He did not believe any oral medicine would be helpful," he added, insisting that he never gave him any intravenous drugs.

Over the last four weeks prosecution witnesses have given a litany of evidence suggesting Murray, 58, administered a deadly cocktail of drugs to help the King of Pop sleep, and abandoned him at the vital moment.

Bieber's ready for X-mas



Bieber and Usher (L)

Justin Bieber already has not one, but two holiday songs in iTunes' top songs chart this week, as he's just released his version of "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)," featuring Usher.

The song is exactly what you'd expect from a singer tasked with pleasing both his hardcore tween fanbase and their moms: highly listenable, well-produced cheese. Bieber does not attempt to wring something new out of this oft-covered Christmas standard - he just gives it some extra soul with the help of his mentor. Call it the Christina Aguilera approach to innovation.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

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Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

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For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan

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Lewis gunning to give Rangers... Continued from pg 16

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"We have a deep lineup. We do it all together," Napoli said. "We are going to prepare the same way. Go out and take out batting practice and then play the game. We are confident group. We expect to win every day and we play the game the right way."

Napoli has not only dominated with his bat but also with his throwing arm. Twice he caught Cardinals Craig trying to steal second late in game five.

They haven't broke out the MVP chant just yet, but Texas fans have started chanting "Napoli!, Napoli!" every time the catcher comes up to the plate in the 2011 post-season.

Nobody is writing off the Cardinals just yet in this roller-coaster series.

St. Louis has proven itself to be a resilient team especially after their 20-game winner Adam Wainwright underwent reconstructive elbow surgery in February. Then St. Louis looked finished on August 25, when it was 10 1/2 games behind the Braves for the National League wild card.

"There wasn't anything for eight and a half innings that was wrong about the way we went about the game," said La Russa of game five. "We played our butts off. We tried perfect but we didn't play perfect at times."

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Tevez fined £1mln over Bayern furore



LONDON (AFP) - Manchester City star Carlos Tevez was hit with a £1 million fine on Tuesday following the angry bust-up during the Champions League clash with Bayern Munich, the Premier League club announced.

A statement from City said Tevez -- widely reported to be earning £250,000 per week -- had been fined four weeks wages following his refusal to play during the club's 2-0 defeat at the Allianz Arena.

The Argentinian international, who has not played for City since the bust-up, was also given a two-week suspension which has been deemed to have already been served and a written warning over his future conduct, the club said.

City said in a statement Tevez had breached five reg-

ulations including "an obligation to participate in any matches in which the player is selected to play for the club when directed by a Club official."

Furious City manager Roberto Mancini had accused Tevez of refusing to appear as a substitute when called upon during the Bayern game on September 27.

Tevez has 14 days to decide whether to lodge an appeal to the club's board of directors.

If Tevez appeals he could take his case to the Premier League, a process which could take the saga into December.

Tevez was one of the mainstays of City's campaign last season, captaining the club to success in the FA Cup and contributing to the successful campaign to reach the Champions League.

However the striker's relationship with Mancini remained strained after his unsuccessful bids to broker a move away from Eastlands.

Although he remains available for selection it is highly likely he has played his last game for City, with the club expected to off-load him during the January transfer window.

Dominant India whitewash England

KOLKATA (AFP) - World champions India brushed aside England by 95 runs in the fifth and final one-day international in Kolkata on Tuesday to sweep the series 5-0.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni smashed an unbeaten 75 off 69 balls to power India to 271-8 after the hosts were sent in to bat by England captain Alastair Cook at the Eden Gardens.

Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja then grabbed 4-33 and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin claimed 3-28 as England were shot out for 176 in 37 overs after a promising start in the day-night match.

The whitewash made partial amends for the disastrous tour of England in July-September, when India were routed 4-0 in the Test series to lose the world number one ranking and were blanked 3-0 in the one-dayers.

India swept the series despite the absence of seven

players, including star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, who were part of the team that won the World Cup final against Sri Lanka in Mumbai in April.

India have beaten England in 16 of their last 18 one-day internationals at home, losing one and tying the other during the World Cup earlier this year.

India were reduced to 123-4 before Dhoni hit his way out of trouble, pounding four sixes and three boundaries, to help the hosts put up a challenging total on a sluggish wicket.

The late flourish led by the captain saw India plunder 84 runs in the last eight overs, including 39 off the final 12 balls.

The rivals will return to the Eden Gardens on Saturday for a one-off Twenty20 international before England return home.

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Brazil sports minister Silva under formal investigation

BRASILIA (AFP) - The Brazilian Supreme Federal Court said Tuesday it was opening a formal investigation into corruption allegations against Sports Minister Orlando Silva.

Silva, responsible for organizing the 2014 World Cup, is accused of being involved in kickback schemes through social programs funded by his ministry. He is the fifth member of President Dilma Rousseff's government to be accused of misappropriation of public funds.

The newsmagazine *Veja* has cited a former police officer who accused Silva of taking kickbacks and channeling government money to NGOs linked to his party.

Silva called the police officer, who had been in jail for a year, a "delinquent" and warned against what he called a modern inquisition in which people faced accusations without proof.

Under rising public pressure in recent months, four ministers for Rousseff -- the first woman elected as Brazil's president -- have already stepped down.

Rousseff, who took office at the start of the year, was compelled to launch an anti-corruption drive in July, after several key members of her administration were accused of corruption, including her chief of staff, who was forced to resign in June.

Despite the scandals, Rousseff still enjoys 71 percent popularity ratings and is perceived as a leader able to tackle corruption.

Agriculture minister Wagner Rossi and transport minister Alfredo Nascimento also had to step down over graft allegations.

Tourism minister Pedro Novais was forced to step down amid claims he embezzled millions of dollars. Reports also alleged that he paid a personal assistant with public funds, and his wife used a legislative aide as her personal chauffeur.

The mounting scandals come as the country prepares for global scrutiny ahead of the World Cup and Summer Olympics, in what Brazilians had hoped would offer a showcase for its development as a global economic and political force.

Jaguars end skid with win over Ravens

JACKSONVILLE (AFP) - Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 105 yards against Baltimore's vaunted run defence on Monday as the Jaguars snapped a five-game NFL losing streak with a 12-7 win over the Ravens.

Josh Scobee kicked four field goals for Jacksonville, whose defence held the Ravens to a franchise-worst 16 yards in the first half and did not allow a first down until almost 40 minutes into the contest.

Baltimore finally scored

with just over two minutes remaining as quarterback Joe Flacco capped a 90-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown pass to Anquan Boldin.

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Lewis gunning to give Rangers first ever series



Colby Lewis

DALLAS (AFP) - The St. Louis Cardinals are in a rut and Texas is on cloud nine with ace Colby Lewis preparing to take the mound and wrap up the Rangers first World Series title.

Texas, who have not lost back-to-back games since

late August, will hand the ball to righthanded American Lewis for game six today with them leading the best of seven series 3-2.

Lewis, who had a 14-10 record with a 2.95 ERA in the regular season, will face Cardinals lefthander Jaimie Gar-

cia of Mexico.

"I can't even explain my emotions right now," Rangers infielder Adrian Beltre said. "It is not going to be easy. But it is better going over there having to win one rather than two."

The Rangers are back in the World Series after losing in five games in 2010 to the San Francisco Giants only this time they are facing the suddenly error-prone Cardinals team.

The Rangers have two chances to win the first title in their 51-year franchise history at Busch Stadium.

"I trust my players to try

and get themselves in a position where they can be successful and they haven't let me down so far," said Rangers manager Ron Washington.

Texas latest performance on the big stage was a come-from-behind 4-2 win over the Cardinals in game five which gave them a 3-2 series lead.

Catcher Mike Napoli put his name in mix for World Series MVP with a bases-loaded double that drove in two runs in the eighth inning.

Napoli, who has nine RBI in this year's World Series to lead the team, lined a one-out shot off lefthander Marc

Rzepczynski.

Rzepczynski was only in the game because some miscommunication between Cardinals manager Tony La Russa and the crew in the bullpen.

The Rangers walked St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols three times Monday, tying a World Series record for most intentional walks of one player. But the charity didn't carry over to the ninth inning for Pujols, when Texas closer Neftali Felix struck him out on a 3-2 fastball as Pujols' teammate Allen Craig was thrown out for trying to steal second on the same play.

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